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Phillip Hoffman House
Iowa Penn Central Regional Shopping Center
309 High Ave. West
Oskaloosa
Mahaska County
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Location: 309 First Ave. West, Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa.

Description: Wood frame covered with clapboards, two stories, hip roof. The footprint is two adjacent rectangles, approximately 30' x 28' and 20' x 16', with a projecting bay on the east. A one-story porch across the front is supported by turned wood posts. Small brackets ornament the eaves.

House has been converted into two apartments, with an entrance and stairway added on the west side for access to the second floor. The rear room on the first floor is also an addition.

History: Built 1860s by carpenter Phillip Hoffman. After his death in 1902, the house was occupied by his son, Phillip Hoffman, Jr., one of the editors and owners of the Oskaloosa Daily and Weekly Herald. The owners from 1976 to 1983 were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Broerman.

Sources: Iowa Site Inventory; County Deed Records; Oskaloosa City Directories; Case Report Information; Salvage Field Survey conducted May 1984; Building Conditions Survey conducted April 1983.

Project Information: Plans call for demolition of this building in fall 1984. This historical documentation was completed by the Urban Programming Corporation during May, June and July of 1984. It is one portion of the historical/architectural recordation of seven city blocks in downtown Oskaloosa prepared for the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS). For more information, see HABS No. IA-147.

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